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TWU pickets hit campus

By MARK LEIREN-YOUNG
UBC became the latest battlefield in the war between Telecommunications Workers Union members and B.C. Telephone Company management when pickets surrounded SUB and the new administration building Monday.

The pickets were placed to prevent entrance to the Bank of Montreal branches in the two buildings, strike coordinator Mike McLean said. "We told them we didn't want these places to accept B.C. Tel bills."

McLean said the pickets would come down when the branches post signs telling customers they won't accept B.C. Tel bills.

According to B.C. Federation of Labor policy, if a union pickets one company in a multipurpose building, the whole building is picketed.

Union workers in the two buildings walked off the job. The campus mail, registrar's office, awards office, food services in SUB cafeteria and other services were run by managerial staff.

McLean said the pickets will continue until the Bank of Montreal posts signs stating they will no longer accept B.C. Tel bills.

"If they put up the signs then we go away. Otherwise, we're picketing here until we're told not to, and the only people who are going to tell us not to is a court of law."

"As far as we're concerned anybody in bed with B.C. Tel can go to hell," Maclean said.

McLean also threatened that if any scab labor was found working on campus, the entire university would be picketed.

"If anybody is found there (at UBC) doing scab labor on telephone equipment, including students themselves, that campus will be closed down so fast . . . all of it."

"Preparations are being made to see that the services remain as close to normal as possible which could mean relocating some university staff to other buildings," the vice president of university services said.

"One of two things will happen. Either it will wind down soon or we'll be looking at contingency plans for the university in the next day or so," James Kennedy said.

Kennedy said the university is looking at the possibility of getting an injunction to stop the picketers.

"The fact that it isn't our labor dispute means that we don't seem to have very much control over how it's going to be handled," he said.

Stuart Clark, manager of the Bank of Montreal in SUB, said the bank is taking a neutral position on the strike.

"It's business as usual," said Clark. "We have a contractual agreement with B.C. Tel and are merely fulfilling those obligations by taking B.C. Tel payments."

Clark added it would be against the bank's policy to put up the signs asked for by the union.

"The matter has been referred to our senior vice president's department in Vancouver, and I've heard

nothing to say that they're going to put up the signs," Clark said.

Alma Mater Society vice president Peter Mitchell attempted to shut down the SUB Bank of Montreal branch in order to remove the pickets and allow students access to the building.

But Mitchell was unsuccessful. "Apparently we've got a contract with the bank allowing them use of the building, and they've got a contract with B.C. Tel saying that they've got to accept cheques."

If the bank refused to put up the signs the pickets could remain up indefinitely, McLean said.

Originally the TWU had intended

to close down the entire campus this week when they discovered scab labor had been used to repair a payphone on campus. There was suspicions there had been other incidents in which scab labor had been used at UBC, McLean said.

The UBC branches of the Bank

of Montreal are the only ones being picketed, McLean said.

"Nobody wants to be doing things like this," said picketer Chuck McCulloch. "We'd rather be back at work. I suppose the problem is stubborn management, so the war goes on."

Students confused by action

By HEESOK CHANG

A picket line established around SUB on Monday by locked out members of the Telecommunications Workers Union earned mostly confused stares from students entering the building.

The picket line was aimed at SUB's Bank of Montreal, which accepts B.C. Telephone Co. bill payments.

Alma Mater Society employees refused to cross the picket line Monday morning, closing down the society's business and publications offices. SUB's proctors and cleaning staff also remained outside the picket line until it was removed at 4 p.m.

After some confusion, the AMS women's committee closed their Herotica show in the SUB art gallery, rescheduling the viewings from 5 to 9 p.m. this week.

The Ubysssey's staff decided not to cross the line and will produce a newspaper from other locations for the duration of the picket.

Other students also supported the union by refusing to cross the picket line.

"We have very important business to attend to in SUB today, but we're respecting the picket line," said Mike Burke, a member of the Teaching Assistants Union. "I'm not a scab. I think that anyone who crosses the line — whether union members or not — is a scab."

Said fellow TAU member Glen Porter: "If the public wants a settlement, they should honor the picket line. It's the quickest way."

Other students said they felt crossing the line was justified because they did not belong to a union.

"It doesn't bother me that I crossed the line," said Christy Winder, arts 5. "I'm not a member of a union and I've never belonged to a union. Besides, I didn't use the telephone."

A few students were openly hostile towards the picketers. "I think they're disgusting scum to interrupt my lunch," business administration student Lorne Goldman said. "They should go picket somewhere else."

Said AMS president Marlea Haugen: "As far as I can figure out, I have no horrible feelings about crossing the lines. I don't feel that the AMS executive are scabs, because we're not touching any of the business matters that the union would usually handle. We're in limbo right now."

Some students expressed serious concern that most people crossing the picket line were unaware of the issues.



—eric eggertson photo

TWU PICKETS . . . two walk the imaginary line

PIRG petition drive huge success

By STEVE McCLURE

PIRG is catching at UBC. Otherwise known as the B.C. Public Interest Research Group, BCPIRG has successfully completed the first step in its drive for a direct fee levy from UBC students to fund its research and education activities.

As of Wednesday over 4,300 signatures had been collected by UBC PIRG organizers on a petition asking that a referendum be held that would enable PIRG to collect \$5 from each UBC student when they register in September. Under the Alma Mater Society constitution only 500 signatures are needed to hold such a referendum.

"This is the second largest petition in the history of UBC," Peter Goddard, BCPIRG spokesperson, said Monday. "The biggest petition was the Great Trek petition of 1922."

The petition will be presented to student council Wednesday night. Council will then set a date for the referendum.

"We're aiming for the middle of March though the specific date will be set by council," said Goddard.

To pass, the fee levy proposal needs a yes vote comprising at least 10 per cent of UBC's full-time student population, meaning that a minimum of 2,300 affirmative votes are needed for the levy to be in effect next fall.

"We are hoping for a far greater turnout than the recent SUB referendum," Goddard said.

If the referendum passes all that is needed to introduce the levy is approval by the UBC board of governors, which is only a formality, say PIRG organizers.

"Not only did the petition show we have clear student support, but also by trying to reach as many

students as possible we served to spread the presence of PIRG," said Goddard.

"We hope to show that this isn't an elitist organization but one that has a true student base," he said.

PIRG organizers will now spend most of their time showing students how their money would be spent on research into consumer and environmental issues if a student-funded PIRG becomes a reality. Among other projects envisioned is a resource centre.

"It would be a place where students could go for access to information," said Goddard.

"We're not forming a political party, we are trying to use students' skills both to render students' education more relevant and to make an impact on society beyond the campus," Goddard said.

Council urged to sign with nat'l ad co-op

By GLEN SANFORD

Belonging to a national advertising cooperative is the most profitable way for The Ubysssey to sell national ads, student council was told last week.

At a special information meeting for council Tuesday evening, The Ubysssey staff urged council to sign a two-year contract with newly-formed Canadian University Press Media Services, a unique student-owned advertising company.

Ubysssey staffer Bill Tieleman said the paper could lose \$25,000 in national advertising unless council signs the contract at Wednesday's meeting.

But Len Clarke, former Alma Mater Society finance director, said he was concerned about the amendment clause and other aspects of the contract. The clause says the contract can be amended by CUP member papers without consulting publishers, which means the term of the contract could theoretically be extended. Clarke said council could be forced to remain with CUP Media Services indefinitely.

He added, "We (council) have no effective way of terminating the contract quickly," under the contract.

Tieleman agreed the amending clause was unsatisfactory, and assured council that CUP papers also want to change the clause.

The Western region of CUP

unanimously agreed at a conference Sunday that the clause should be amended to protect publishers at the first possible chance. The Ubysssey has received a letter from CUP president Mike Balagus saying the change should take place, which Tieleman read to the meeting.

In the letter Balagus stated, "I have talked to other members of the Media Services board of directors on the issue and have been assured their support in introducing and promoting changes that would protect all publishers during the period of the contract in which they cannot leave. This contract improvement will be presented to the membership for their approval at the earliest opportunity."

Clarke also said he was concerned that the contract allows for Media Services to provide funding for member papers which have been closed down by their student councils.

Tieleman said the clause was designed for papers facing financial disaster, but Clarke said if council did close down The Ubysssey "we'd want to close it down for a reason other than financial."

Other council members have indicated support for the contract.

"It sounds like the organization is in good hands. I don't see what the problem is for our AMS," said student senator Alida Moonen.

The time's come to draw the line

There are lines that can't be crossed. One of those is around SUB right now. That's why you are reading such an unusual version of The Ubyyssey.

So long as the locked out B.C. Tel workers picket SUB, no member of our staff will enter the building to work on The Ubyyssey. This makes it rough to put out a newspaper because our offices, along with handy items like typewriters, telephones and dark room, are in SUB.

It may seem strange to some students. The doors to SUB and to our office are not locked. The pickets are not attempting to stop anyone and likely wouldn't succeed if they did try, which they won't because they're not concerned with disrupting the lives of students. Yet we won't enter and will instead be spending this week obtaining and adapting offices for our use.

This means on Wednesday we will

be using the arts undergraduate society office for our contact office. Student who want notices to appear in the Thursday paper or who have letters to The Ubyyssey should go there. The hours will be approximately 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are also trying to find office space with telephones for a newsroom and an on-campus darkroom with time available. Our advertising number for the duration of the picket will be 986-6389. Ask for Sue Cadeny.

All of this is time-consuming and, particularly in the case of this issue for which our advertising was declared 'hot', costly. Odd that so much physical moving around is a result of a totally abstract line, an imaginary border around SUB.

But abstract or not, the line is there. As you approach SUB in the next while between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. you will automatically be presented with a choice. The picket line informs

you that a group of your fellow citizens has decided their ability to collectively bargain with their employer has been threatened by activities going on behind the line. The line around SUB is there because the bank in the building is cooperating with B.C. Tel while that company is engaged in a labor dispute.

Crossing the line says nothing about whether you agree with the union's perception of the situation, whether you agree with the union's position in the dispute or whether you think they shouldn't inconvenience students with their nasty picket lines. Crossing it simply means you don't think people should have the right to set up picket lines to protest what they see as unfair and threatening behavior.

The same is true the other way. Refusing to cross doesn't mean you agree with the union or don't like bosses or anything else of the sort. It

simply means you respect the right of citizens to protest situations that threaten them.

So for the next while, students should find someplace else to eat at lunchtime. The old auditorium cafeteria looks very good since they put in the carpet and new furniture, and it has beer as well. Clubs should encourage their members to meet in classroom buildings or off-campus. The Alma Mater Society should seek offices outside of SUB for the time being.

Though some might think the locked out B.C. Tel workers could have made known their protest in another place or in another form, the fact is they didn't. They chose SUB and they chose to picket.

Students who believe in respecting fundamental human rights should not be in SUB for a while. It may be a bit of a hard line — but there are some lines you can't cross.

AMS plays slick tricks with books

By ARNOLD HEDSTROM

A poorly attended Alma Mater Society general meeting burned the bull and accomplished little else Wednesday.

The highlights of the meeting were the reception of the audited financial statements for the 1979-80 fiscal year and the first annual burning of the bull.

The meeting, which is required by the provincial Societies Act, was attended by 40 students in the SUB conversation pit. Most were eating lunch, playing cards or sleeping.

The financial statements confirmed earlier rumors that the AMS surplus would exceed \$200,000. While the auditor's report shows only \$2,224 in surplus revenue over expenditure, there is a discretionary allocation of \$153,123 to the society's reserve funds.

Unspent funds from the society's operating budget are transferred to reserve accounts.

The allocation, coupled with \$46,000 charged to reserve funds from the Pit, games area, and rental of rooms, plus the reported surplus revenue totals \$201,347.

Before the start of the meeting president Bruce Armstrong, administration director Craig Brooks, and finance director Len Clarke burned old copies of The Ubyyssey to initiate the first annual burning of the bull.

Several hundred copies of the newspaper were set ablaze in a barbecue rented from food services on the mall between SUB and the aquatic centre.

Hamburgers were not supplied but a small contingent of student council members attended.

A quorum of about 2,300 students is required to do any more than the routine business outlined in the AMS bylaws.

New AMS president Marlea Haugen attributed the poor turnout at the meeting to poor advertising. Only one advertisement was placed in The Ubyyssey the day before the meeting despite a constitutional requirement that the annual general meeting be given 14 days notice.

Haugen said, "It is sort of a catch-22 in the sense that you can't get people out unless you spend a lot of bucks people don't want you to spend."

The meeting also received reports from the general manager and president.

Armstrong's president's report reviewed the successes and failures of the first student council executive elected by the students-at-large since 1975. High on the success list was the expansion of such services to students as the copy centre and ticket office in the SUB concourse, as well as vastly improved relations between student council and the student administrative commission.



—arnold hedstrom photo

CUT THE CARDS, say typical UBC students in SUB conversation pit while Alma Mater Society executives (background), not playing with full decks, conduct annual general meeting. Students didn't get any face cards but execs came up with five asses . . . er . . . asses. Meeting was last hand played by last year's executive.

'Tween classes

TODAY

SUB
Film titled Black Holes of Gravity, noon, Hennings 201.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

International film series on Japan, noon and 8 p.m., International House.

HILLEL

Israel week celebration, professor Michael Turner from Bzalel Jerusalem Arts Academy will lead a multi-media encounter with the architectural and archaeological heritage of one Jerusalem, noon, SUB party room.

WUSC

Information about WUSC's starvation project to raise money for a student refugee, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SUB concourse booth.

SPORTS CAR CLUB

General meeting on film festival, 7 p.m., SUB 215.

LEON & THEA KOERNER FOUNDATION

Professor Lawrence Goodwyn, of North Carolina's Duke University, speaks on The Populists: Were They Right? An assessment of the populist critique of the gilded age, 3:30 p.m., Buch. 1210.

Professor Goodwyn speaks on The Populist contribution to democratic theory, noon, Buch. 100.

UBC SAILING CLUB

General meeting with lecture on sailing regatta rules, noon, SUB 212.

SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

General meeting, noon, SUB 111.

WHEELHOUSE HOTEL

Search and rescue mission, all week, somewhere in the East Blend.

WEDNESDAY

SUB
Film on liquid helium, noon, Hennings 201.

HILLEL

Israel week cultural fair, presentation by the Hillel dance group and instruction by Karen Kay. Between dances enjoy falafel, noon, SUB party room.

AQUA-SOC

Marine identification seminar with free slide show and a talk by marine biologist Rick Harbo, 7:30 p.m., IRC room 1.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS VIEWING CENTRE

Ascent of Man series continues with The Drive for Power, which deals with the democratization of power, noon, library processing room 308.

HEALTH SCIENCES

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Dr. Robin Percival-Smith discusses male and female contraception, noon, IRC 1.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Don Dutton lectures on domestic violence, noon, Buch. 319.

NDP CLUB

General meeting, noon, SUB 226. Newsletters ready all this week in SUB 226 at noon.

VOC

Bicycle safety film, noon, Chem. 250.

THURSDAY

SUB
Film on Life of Einstein, noon, Hennings 201.

HILLEL

University of Toronto's Simcha Jacobovici speaks on the Jewish national movement, noon, Buch. 203.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS VIEWING CENTRE

Documentary film on B.C. history titled Splendor undiminished, noon, library processing room 308.

DIETETICS 4

Parisian foods with quiche lorraine, salad, onion soup and le gateau sans nom, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SUB snack bar.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION

Public meeting, noon, SUB 117.

WOMEN STUDENT'S OFFICE

Panel discussion on women in business administration, noon, Buch. 102.

E.I.G.

Paul George speaks on land and resources in B.C., noon, Angus 225.

LUNCH TIME THEATRE

Presents The Terminal, a new comedy by William Kitcher, directed by Teresa Vanderturn, noon, Dorothy Somerset studio in theatre building.

FRIDAY

HILLEL

Rcmi Razi discusses travel, work and study opportunities in Israel, noon, Hillel House.

I.N.C.A.R.

Benefit dance for Daphne Williams and domestic workers, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Swedish community hall, 1320 E. Hastings.

WHEELHOUSE CLUB

Move to new quarters and party to make them look lived in, 9 a.m., old administration building 101.

Friday folk

Due to the SUB pickets the Tuesday meeting of the Friday writers will not be held in The Ubyyssey office. Instead the writers should meet in the Buchanan lounge at noon.

Please bring your copy, photos, etc. and we'll explain the arrangements that have been made.

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Verne McDonald thought he had it made. There was some shopping to do, the kitchen needed to be cleaned up and a small matter of business needed to be taken care of. All he had to do was convince the staff they should strike in sympathy with the courageous and defiant locked out workers of B.C. Tel. It looked good at first. Nancy Campbell and Tom Hawthorn sang Solidarity Forever while Heesok Chang and Glen Sanford dusted off old Wobbly buttons and pamphlets whose day had finally come. Steve McClure's hair went a little redder and Arnold Hedstrom lectured Julie Wheelwright and Eric Eggertson on alienation caused by lack of control by workers over the means of production. But Bill Tielperson pointed out to Mark Leiren-Young that the revolution can only take place when the masses have been educated and informed, ruining plans for the staff holiday.